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50/3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, by which it granted observer status to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems, in particular those of an economic, social and cultural character,

Further recalling that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies whose objectives and activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the desire expressed by the heads of State and Government of the countries that use French as a common language at their Fifth Summit, held at Grand-Baie, Mauritius, from 16 to 18 October 1993, to contribute actively to the solution of the major political and economic problems of today's world and to begin a new partnership with all the institutions that make up the United Nations family,

Considering that the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation brings together a considerable number of States Members of the United Nations that use French as a common language, among which it promotes multilateral cooperation in areas of interest to the United Nations,

Convinced of the need to coordinate the use of available resources to serve the common objectives of the two organizations,

Affirming the need to establish cooperation, or strengthen such cooperation where it already exists, between the two organizations in areas of common interest,

1. Notes with satisfaction the support expressed by the heads of State and Government of countries that use French as a common language for United Nations activities and their desire to begin a new partnership with the institutions of the United Nations system;

2. Welcomes the involvement of the countries that use French as a common language, through the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, in United Nations activities, in particular the preparation for, conduct of and follow-up to world conferences organized under United Nations auspices;

3. Notes the complementarity of the activities of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation and the United Nations, as well as the programmes and other institutions of the United Nations system;

4. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, to promote cooperation between the two secretariats, particularly by encouraging meetings that enable their representatives to consult one another on projects, measures and procedures that will facilitate and expand cooperation and coordination between the two organizations;

5. Urgently requests the specialized agencies and other bodies and programmes of the United Nations to cooperate to this end with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation".

31st plenary meeting
16 October 1995